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BOARD OF EMS MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2003  
9:30 AM  
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Board Members: Oden Cassidy, Steve Leach, Wayne Werts, Kevin Kendall, Richard Doughty, John Alexander, Sue Dupler, Paul Knowlton, Peter DiPietrantonio, Bob Ashby, Penny Lovejoy, Leo Bouchard, Jim Farrell, Jim McKenney

Regional Coordinators: Donnie Carroll, Joanne LeBrun, Rick Petrie, Bill Zito

Staff: Drexell White, Dawn Kinney, Dwight Corning, Jay Bradshaw, Laura Yustak Smith, AAG

Guest: Sue Wardwell, LifeFlight of Maine

1. Introductions were made by those present.

2. Approval of previous minutes.

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 29, 2003, minutes as distributed. (Bouchard; second by Lovejoy). Unanimous**

3. Old Business

New Gloucester Rescue waiver request. Jay advised the Board that the motion at the previous meeting to table New Gloucester's move to Southern Maine EMS was determined to be inappropriate by the Attorney General's office. The wording of the motion effectively denied the waiver request, and as such it should be stated as a denial instead of being tabled.

**MOTION: To reconsider the waiver request of New Gloucester Rescue to change regional affiliation. (Bouchard; second by DiPietrantonio). Unanimous**

**MOTION: To deny the waiver request by New Gloucester Rescue to change regional affiliation (Kendall; second by Doughty). Unanimous**

4. New Business

- a. Budget Update - Jay reported that the Governor's budget for FY04/05 includes eliminating one clerical position at Maine EMS and reducing "All Other" funding by \$100,000. It is also anticipated that there will be additional cuts in FY03. There was discussion possible revenue sources, such as personal license fees – and there was consensus from the Board in support of these fees. However, Jay advised that a new fee such as this would likely be opposed by the Governor's office. Jay will prepare a presentation on the MEMS Budget for the next meeting.

- b. Legislative Update – Jay reviewed the various bills that MEMS is tracking. Of note at this time is LD 949 which eliminates the 6 regional EMS offices and gives the responsibility to the Technical College system. Jay has talked with the MTCS who oppose this bill and he will continue working with the bill's sponsor, Rep. Blanchette.

**MOTION: To oppose LD 949. (Werts; second by Kendall). Unanimous with one abstention (Farrell).**

- c. Operations Team Action Items – None at this time.
- d. Investigation Committee Action Items

**MOTION: To ratify the minutes of the November 13, 2002, meeting of the Investigations Committee. (Farrell; second by Bouchard). Unanimous**

- e. EMS Rules: Review and response to public comments

Note: a summary of the Board discussion and action taken is attached, effective date of August 1, 2004 was set for obtaining non-latex products and for completing First Responder and Intermediate upgrade programs.

**MOTION: To accept Rules as amended with an effective date of July 1, 2003. (Bouchard; second by Kendall) Unanimous with one abstention (Doughty).**

**MOTION: To accept the basis statement as presented. (Lovejoy; second by Farrell) Unanimous with one abstention (Doughty)**

- f. Other – None at this time.

5. Staff Update

- a. MEMS

- i. Commissioner Michael Cantara has been confirmed by the Senate to be Commissioner of Public Safety. Most recently Commissioner Cantara has served as the York County District Attorney. The Commissioner has expressed an interest in attending a future Board meeting which will be coordinated with staff.

- b. MDPB – no meeting in February. At the March meeting, it is expected that there will be a presentation made on a proposal to define and establish a scope of practice for Critical Care Paramedic Transport. This will only be the initial presentation, following which it is anticipated that there will be considerable discussion before the matter is voted on by the MDPB and referred to other Committees (Education and Operations) before coming to the Board for action.

6. Other

- a. Leo advised that the Maine Rural Health Conference will be held in either November or December at the Samoset Resort in Rockport.
  - b. Next Meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2003

Meeting adjourned at 11:50.